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Brennan joins Canberra



Striker Tony Brennan (pictured in a match against Footscray), transferred from Brisbane Lions to Canberra City in a \$20,000 deal at the weekend. Brennan and other star recruits are set to make Canberra one of the top clubs in the PSL. See page 2.

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By JOHNNY WARREN

Tony Henderson is almost certain to miss Australia's third and final international against Czechoslovakia at Olympic Park, Melbourne, on Saturday at 8 pm.

Henderson went off injured during the 0-5 loss to Czechoslovakia at the Sydney Sports Ground last Sunday and told me afterwards his doctor had advised him to rest for six weeks.

Henderson has a hip and groin injury, apparently sustained on the Socceroos' tour of China and Taiwan.

His replacement in Melbourne is likely to be Jim Campbell of Heidelberg or perhaps George Christopoulos of South Melbourne. Both came on as substitutes in Sydney.

Henderson played at centre back in the first Test (0-4) in Canberra but moved up into midfield in Sydney, with Arno Berntsen going to centre back.

Although the 0-5 loss on Sunday was our biggest international defeat since North Korea thrashed us 6-1 in the 1965 World Cup elimination series, Australia at least turned in a commendable first half.

During this period, there was more method, discipline and spirit about the Socceroos' play and Rudi Gutendorf's policy of containment proved effective. Australia could even have taken the lead with a chance by Henderson.

In Melbourne, the Socceroos will have to extend that first-half performance for the full 90 minutes if they hope to escape with a respectable result.

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What are we coming to?

Four Ampol Cup games were postponed because the pitch happened to be wet!

I had the opportunity to walk on to the pitch at Barton Park and found it in perfect shape for the two games featured: Yugal-Bankstown and Auburn-Inter. However, the gates were shut and the groundsman was waving his arm in a manner which suggested that "all is fine".

"Come another time," was about the best one could draw from the whole mess. But before you come, please contact the weather bureau as it may advise of overcast conditions that might prevail. If that is the case, all players

are to retire to the bridge or canasta rooms while the local medicine man does a prayer for the return of sunny conditions.

Kevin Darcy of the NSW Soccer Federation was unable to tell me when the postponed games will be played but was likewise upset over the postponement of the Friday fixtures.

In case you didn't know, the Ampol Cup will either return to Sydney tonight (Wednesday) or be postponed again. If games are postponed, we don't know when they will be replayed. All those wishing to go to soccer, please contact the Weather Bureau. They also play with a round ball, but their's is made of Crystal.

By ALEX VESIC

Here is the official NSW Soccer Federation program:

St George Stadium: (Wednesday, 6.2.1980); 7.15; Parramatta City - Sydney Olympic. 9.00; Avala-Melita Eagles, Seymour Shaw Park: (Wed. 6.2.1980); 7.15; North Sydney - Arncliffe 9.00; Yugal - Auburn.

St George Stadium: (Friday 8.2.1980); 7.15; Sutherland Manly, 9.00; Croatia - Wollongong.

ARNCLIFFE S1
Stadium: St George
Crown: 2054
Referee: B. Fowler 8
Yellow cards: Vernon Darvill (54')
Goals: Leah (58') Babian (83')

ARNCLIFFE SCOTS:
Marsden 9, Ramisch 7, Smart 7, Oldham 8, Ainslie 8, Luckett 7, Stone 5, Lee

5, Leak 8 (Sidey 59'), Montgomery 7, Tracey 6.

MELITA EAGLES:
Bracklow 7, Carbon 6, Olson 73'; McDonald 7, Darvill 6, Mikas 6, Parker 8 (Babian 73'); Morsello 7, Farrugia 8, Allan 7, Stoddard 7, Jones 7.

Arncliffe Scots, the team that barely managed last year to retain its spot in the State League, will have less problems this year. With Alan Ainslie, Paul Luckett, John Lee, Steve Leah, Andy Tracey and Co., one can hardly see the Scots lamenting at the foot of the table.

In fact, if I were to judge their success in 1980 by comparing against Melita Eagles, I'd rate their chances better than even to finish in the top echelon of the State League.

With Luckett and Lee to control midfield, Scots should be able to supply their tall men up front (Leak and Montgomery) and improve their scoring.

Steve Leah must think himself very unlucky not to have picked up a couple of goals in the first half.

Two quick attacks by the Scots, on the 12th and 13th minutes finished with some fine crosses that found Leak in the area with great opportunities to score.

On both occasions, unfortunately for the Arncliffe team, Leak missed an open goal.

However, with 13 minutes of the second half gone, Leak made amends with a fine header, following Andy Tracey's cross.

Melita Eagles, still a fine team and certainly the team to show that certain class of soccer we all love, failed to penetrate Arncliffe's defence, mainly because, in their effort to play the short passing game, they kept going backwards and thus failed to create the opportunities in front of goal.

Not until the Scots went up did Melita realise that this was not going to be a piece of cake and that they must work harder and go forward more.

Melita hit top gear in the last 20 minutes, making life miserable for Gary Marsden.

Don Allan had the opportunity to equalise but Marsden made a brave save by diving at the feet of the ex-Olympic forward.

With seven minutes to go, Marsden made another great save by pushing a drive by James around the post for a corner.

From the resultant corner, Babian, the late replacement in the Melita team, hit the roof

of the far corner of the net with an accurate drive to make it 1-1.

Terry Jones had a couple of opportunities in the dying minutes of the game but failed to take them and the game ended in a fair 1-1 draw.

NTH. SYDNEY 2
AVALA 1

Stadium: St George
Crown: 2054
Referee: T. Boskovic 9
Goals: Walker (o.g. 57'), A. Bottalico (60'), Mitchell (63')

NORTH SYDNEY: Lilli 8, Walker 6, J. Bottalico 6, Miller 7, Matheson 6, Yousef 8, A. Bottalico 7, Mitchell 7, Leyden 7, Ruiz 7, Delaney 8.

AVALA: Ahrens 6, Beteman 6, G. 6, S. Deller 6, Barton 8, Pilovski 6, Lavin 7, Patterson 6 (Griffith 62' - 7), Rnjak 6, Tit 5, Kodor 5, Karanfilovski 8.

NORTH SYDNEY Inter showed much more cohesion than its opponents to finish a deserved winner of the first Ampol Cup encounter of the 1980 season.

It was a slow game with little to enthuse about.

Inter had some good opportunities in the first half but Leyden managed to miss on a couple of chances and Yousef did the same.

Avala, with the exception of Karanfilovski, did not have a player to make a lot of ground up front or create a decent scoring opportunity. In fact, Avaal had only three shots at goal in the first half, two of which were by Karanfilovski. All three were brilliantly saved by Lilli.

In the second half the pattern of the game remained the same. North Sydney showed more enterprise and looked far more dangerous. In the 55th minute, Yousef, certainly the best player in his side, managed to send another header inches wide of Ahrens' net.

A couple of minutes later, it was the unfortunate Walker who beat his own keeper to give Avaal the lead.

North Sydney came forward looking for the equaliser and in a space of three minutes managed to ram home two fine goals by Alex Bottalico and B. Mitchell to go ahead 2-1.

Leyden could have made it 3-1 in the dying minutes of the game, but yet again failed to find his scoring touch.

Avala missed Williams and Djuricin in midfield and the sooner these two fine players come back, the better for Avaal. North Sydney Inter had their best in Delaney and Yousef while Lilli in goal showed a safe pair of hands.

The opinion expressed by our columnists are not necessarily those of this paper.

CHARLTON FOR TASMANIA

The 21-year-old son of 1966 England World Cup hero Jack Charlton flew from London to Tasmania on Monday for a two-year contract with Caledonians of Hobart.

John Charlton has been playing with the English non-league club Guisborough.

"I did not try to make the grade at professional level because I knew I would always be compared with my dad," John said.

Giampaolo— Valeri— Brennan?

By BRUCE WADDELL

Brisbane Lions have sold their leading goalscorer of last season, centre forward Tony Brennan, to Canberra City, for \$15,000.

The right back spot appears to be between Paul Ontong, the former striker who excelled in defence last year, and Steve Hogg, although Carson may want the youngster to play in midfield.

Lions also have secured another Southside Eagles player from the State League, mid-fielder Gerry Lindsay, and Irishman who is highly rated by Carson.

The two New Zealander internationals midfielder Ian Verej and centre forward Mark McNaughton, have settled in well.

The latter is expected to partner Alan Hughes up front, if the Scot decided to come to terms with the club.

Lions may also have to find room for three youngsters they sent to train with champion Dutch club Feyenoord in the off-season — Graham Wilson, Tom McGregor and Craig Low.

Another youngster with big potential is midfielder Clark Anderson, who coach Bill Curran rated as one of his best players in the Lions City tournament in Singapore.

NEWCASTLE v CANBERRA

Canberra City and Newcastle City will clash in the first leg of the 1980 Prime Minister's Cup at the International Sports Centre, Newcastle, on Sunday.

The second leg will be played in Canberra at the end of the season.

The Cup is contested by the two clubs every year.

Croatia's big buy

Essendon Croatia is reported to have paid a deposit on a \$130,000 piece of land at Chelsea (Vic).

The 45-acre site is likely to be developed as Croatia's headquarters, featuring a grand and social centre.

However, Essendon manager Frank Burin would not deny or confirm that the deposit had been paid.

The site at Chelsea is swamp land, and would need a lot of work if it were to be developed into a soccer ground.

In other news, Croatia has placed defender Grant Smart and goalkeepers Dime Petrovski, Miro Franjic and Danny Lakoc on the transfer list.

Dunne delayed

Frankston City's (Vic) star recruit Jimmy Dunne will not arrive in Australia for at least three weeks due to an immigration Department delay in issuing a visa.

Dunne, an Elie international defender, should be in Frankston's team by the start of the State League championship on April 6.

Frankston has a scout in England looking for two more players — a midfielder and a forward — to be imported this season.

It means Lions virtually will be able to field an unchanged defence, including goalkeeper Nigel Lownds, Bennett, Jim Hermitson and left back Alan

The Bayside club hopes to sign Billy Buchanan of Dandenong City and Nick Lowe of

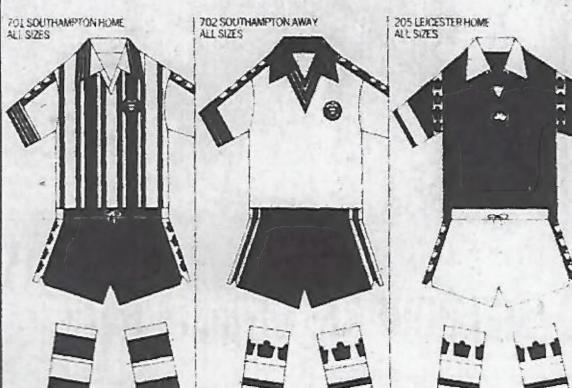
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Superstars rescue Czechs

CZECHOSLOVAKIA 5
 (Kroupa 35th, Dobias 47th, Nehoda 65th, Masny 2) 80th, 90th) **NORTHERN NSW 3** (Jones (2) 15th, 26th; Senkalski 40th) at the International Sports Centre, Newcastle. Crowd: 8200.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA:
 Hruska 7 injured (Netolenka 61st min) — Dobias 9, Jurkemek 7 (Panenka 8, half time), Vojacek 7, Fiala 8 — Stambach 6 (Vizek 8, half time), Kozak 6 (Nehoda 9, half time) — Kroupa 8, Masny 8, Gajdusek 7.

NORTHERN NSW:
 Dando 8 — Reaney 8, Summerscales 8, Curran 8 — Bertogno 7, Senkalski 7, Tredinnick 9 — Heys 8, Tenter 8 injured (McClelland 46th min), Jones 9.
Referee: Peter Ramplin.
Caution: Trenter (NSW).

Newcastle KB Utd, which doubled as the Northern NSW representative, had almost caused the upset of the decade when it stretched European champion Czechoslovakia to the limit, before going down 5-3.



The courageous Newcastle team led 3-1 at half time and held the Czechs at 3-3 with 10 minutes to go in the match.

It was during the last 10 minutes that Czech superstar Marian Masny cut loose and scored two goals to save the Czechs from an embarrassing result.

But by that time the gallant Newcastle side had already won the hearts of every person in attendance with their display of determination and one must not leave out skill, an adjective that is not always synonymous with Australian soccer.

Nobody in their wildest dreams would have predicted KB to pierce the Europeans' defence three times in the first 45 minutes; a feat that Holland, West Germany and Greece (other members of Group A in the coming European

championships with Italy in June) will find difficult to emulate.

A great deal of the credit must go to Alan Vest and his assistant Frank Campbell who after watching the Czechs give Australia a drubbing in Canberra, had the courage to abandon the expected tactics of containment, instead encouraged the team to play its own brand of aggressive, enterprising soccer, which turned the game into a memorable spectacle.

After the first 10 minutes in which the Czechs dominated, Newcastle gradually found its feet and in the 15th minute from a free kick by Arno Bergfeld, Bill Summerscales was able to outjump the tall defence and not the ball to the path of the oncoming David Jones. His left foot shot gave Hruska no chance.

The Czechs were quick to react and in the 25th minute a shot by mid-fielder Stambach was brilliantly headed off the post by Paul Reaney, the ex-Leeds United and England full back who was making his debut in Australia.

Spurred on by Reaney's effort, the locals went further ahead one minute later; once again from dead ball situation (take a bow Alan Vest).

From a corner taken by Tredinnick on the right, Mark Trener on the near post nodded the ball on and David Jones at the far post to head it home.

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Waste of time!

By LEIF JENSEN

I had promised myself that I would make no comments on the Socceroos this time. But as Australian soccer slowly but surely builds up a healthy stock, then it must be of concern to those who works for or supports soccer in this country.

You may remember that I severely criticised the ASF when they appointed Jim Shoulder as our national coach.

I pointed out at the time that we already had several good coaches in Australia who had more experience than Jim.

Unfortunately, my prediction that we would NOT make it to the World Cup, turned out to be correct. However, this would not have been so bad if the ASF had learned something.

I must admit that they did not appoint a coach who had never coached a team before. Just the opposite, as Mr Gutendorf surely would qualify as manager for a travel agency. He certainly has been everywhere except perhaps with the Vienna Boys Choir.

However, the important thing is that, as far as I can see, we are not any closer to having a world-class national team now than we were 12 months ago.

Forget about the tour of China, because for a lot less money, the type of game could have been arranged here in Australia. Why not play all our State teams for a start? I am sure that Len McKendall would accept such a game, and what's more, my money would be on Victoria to win.

So, what made me change my mind about making any comments on the Socceroos? I will tell you . . . a statement from Gutendorf recently to the Press that his players were not fit to play against Czechoslovakia and that the game should never have been set for so early in the season, left me puzzled because I remember reading in "Soccer Action" on July 11, 1979, that Czechoslovakia would visit Australia for four games against the Socceroos in January-February, 1980.

And in the same issue of "Soccer Action", Mr Gutendorf's comments about his players were: "Some are overweight and not well trained yet, BUT I CAN POLISH THEM UP."

So, if after all this, the players still FAT and not FIT, then who is WHO TO BLAME FOR THAT?

Two questions were asked last year in "Soccer Action". One was "Is Australia wasting its time trying to qualify for the 1982 World Cup finals?" and the other one was "Are we throwing money away on a lost cause?"

My answer to these questions is . . . YES WE ARE! What is your answer? You can write your answers to L. G. JENSEN, 13 Magit Ave, Mulgrave, 3170.

WHAT HAPPENED TO ATTACKING POLICY?

Alex Vesic



and lobbed the keeper, aiming for the top left hand corner. Fortunately, the ball hit the cross bar and bounced away, but only for Miroslav Gajdusek to ram it back into the net past the outstretched arms of Woodhouse.

Seven minutes later our players and spectators alike should have learned a valuable lesson. We lost the ball and got punished most severely. Jim Tansey toyed with the ball some 35 metres from goal and lost it to Marian Masny.

Before Tansey could challenge back, Masny pushed the ball wide for Jan Kozak who ran into the area past Prikalo to score past Woodhouse.

Simple and with no frills. You make a mistake, we punish you for it, was the clear message!

With some seven minutes to go, our players were under pressure yet again. Jan Kozak crossed, but Woodhouse sprang into action and cal-like leap to finger tip the ball past the keeper.

Ten minutes later, Steve Perry brought down Zdenek Nehoda to give away a free kick 25 metres from goal. Antonin Penenka unleashed a powerful shot, that brought out the best from Woodhouse.

Midway through the first half Australia managed to break out of our defensive shell and attack through our two wingers Steve Sharne and Kronevic. However, our attack was too thin and our dim hopes rested on some support from Cumming and mid-fielder Gary Cole.

But it was Australia which should have scored in the 32nd minute against the run of play. Cumming crossed from the left, Kronevic let the ball through and Henderson faced Netolicka in what seemed a certain goal.

Henderson's shot, however, was not on target and Jaroslav Netolicka was in no bother.

The difference between the two teams became more apparent in the second half. Almost from the restart, Jan Kozak took the ball down the left flank, raced past a defender before crossing for Marian Masny to squeeze one between Woodhouse and the near post.

It was a well taken goal, but to my amazement, all our players were sitting at the far post waiting for the "usual" far post crosses and submissions that had no chance of reaching or stopping Masny.

The Czechoslovakian team continued to press forward and it was only a matter of time before another goal was scored. In the 58th minute Woodhouse was beaten again. A half clearance from the Australian penalty area was picked up by Zdenek Nehoda some 20 metres away. He found Woodhouse out of posi-

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Czechs trained after game

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If not, the Czechs will again overrun us, as they did in Canberra and Sydney.

Their second-half display in Sydney was out of this world. The five goals were well executed and the general teamwork was flawless.

Coch Joe Venglos complained afterwards that his men had not been ruthless enough in the first half, so he will demand total commitment from the kick-off in Melbourne.

It's no good heapings criticism onto the Socceroos. They're doing their best.

The national team is merely symptomatic of what's happening in soccer in this country. We're much too far behind the leading nations.

Believe it or not, seven of the Czechs — the substitutes and those who had been replaced — were out training for an hour after the match. Enough said!

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Exodus continues

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Evans 37th, Lutton 65th) **WESTERN SUBURBS** 0 at Middle Park, Sunday. Crowd about 2200.

HELLAS: Laumets 6 — (Tsigaris 6, half time) V. Bannon 8, Kyriakoulessis 6, Xanthopoulos 6, Kafatos 6 — Rogers 6, Wright 9 — Kakantoni 6, Evans 8.5, Buljevic (Injured, sub Lutton 8, 24th), Ristovski 5.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Mitandis 7 — Jim Daperis 7 (Grechan 55th) Glykokalamos 8, Jaworski 8, G. Daglis 6 — John Daperis 8, McCarthy 6, Czaplinski 6.5 — Kyriakoulessis 6, T. Petrikos 5, N. Christoudas 5. Referee: Sleats 7.

After losing Branko Buljevic early due to injury, Hellas went on to play its worst game yet, relying on Alun Evans and Sammy Wright to win it virtually on their own.

In the other positions he has earned so far by Peter Laumets, Vince Bannon, Frank Munro, Alan Davidson, Sammy Wright, Alun Evans, Billy Rogers, George Campbell, Bertie Lutton and Branko Buljevic.

This time he included centre back Kiri Kyriakoulessis, forward Mendo Ristovski and goalkeeper Lou Tsigaris for one half.

And after all the experimentation, the stopper's position probably is the only one over which Margaritis remains undecided. The candidates are Steve Blair, Arthur Xanthopoulos and Chris Kalafatidis.

The other positions have been earned so far by Peter Laumets, Vince Bannon, Frank Munro, Alan Davidson, Sammy Wright, Alun Evans, Billy Rogers, George Campbell, Bertie Lutton and Branko Buljevic.

Steve Kakantoni and Mendo Ristovski failed against Western Suburbs but they may grab their chance more firmly if they are given a run during the finals.

That leaves George Christopoulos. He was in line for a game last Sunday but was called to Sydney to join the Australian team for its game against Czechoslovakia.

Christopoulos is good enough to play for Victoria and be included in the Socceroos

squad but Margaritis is finding it hard to find a place for him at Hellas.

Western Suburbs performed better than anyone had expected against Hellas. Jim Daperis, playing against his old club, did some sterling midfield work and Marian Jelowski and Mike Glykokalamos defended stoutly but West has no forward to speak of.

In fact, coach Jim Pyrgolos was so desperate he used right back Jim Kyriakoulessis on the wing. Tom Patsakos, the big central striker, didn't do any work, and Nif Christoudas, who was tried out on the other wing, was rarely seen.

With virtually no opposition, the Hellas boys had their easiest game of the series yet only Vince Bannon made the most of it by diverting his energy to attacking runs.

Buljevic was hurt while going up to head a cross from Bannon. He went off with a black eye but will be OK for the semi-final against Croatia on Saturday week.

The goals: 37th minute Wright intercepts pass by McCarthy, deflecting it to Evans who slips it neatly under Matandis. 65th Ristovski delays slips it to Bannon and his cross is cut back by Evans to Lutton who rams it in. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

Victorian Ampol Cup standings at the end of the preliminary rounds:

	SECTION A			
	W	L	F	A
HEIDELBERG	3	0	7	16
Ajax	2	1	4	4
Frankston	1	2	2	2
Altona	0	3	3	70

	SECTION B			
	3	0	7	26
J.U.S.T.	2	1	10	34
Makedonia	1	2	2	92
George Cross	0	3	0	50
Slavia				

	SECTION C			
	3	0	8	0
HELLAS	2	1	3	34
Kahoka	1	2	3	72
Croydon	0	3	3	70
W. Suburbs				

	SECTION D			
	3	0	8	16
CROATIA	1	2	2	42
Juventus	1	2	3	62
Albion R	1	2	2	62
Sunshine	1	2	2	62

Top scorers:
5. Ward (Mak)
4. Evans (Hellas).
3. Paton, (H'berg), Mitten (Croatia).
2. Lujic, Vasic (JUST), C. Nisbet (Albion), Blair (Kahoka), Loughnane (Croy), Kokosa, Batinovic (Croatia), Culina (Mak), Whyte (Altona), Selemidis (H'berg).

Team of week

O'HARA
(Hakoah)

HAZABENT ELIS GLYKOKALAMOS MCMLIAN (U.S.T.) (West Subs) (H'berg)

SELEMIDIS (H'berg) (Sunshine) WRIGHT (Hellas) MURPHY (Croydon)

CULINA (Croatia) EVANS (Hellas) WARD (Makedonia)

Azzopardi coach

Eddie Azzopardi, the great former George Cross and Alexander goalkeeper, has been appointed specialist coach of Preston Makedonia.

Azzopardi will give expert coaching to goalkeepers Lou Kastner and Gary Clayton, and will also coach the Preston reserve team.

It was a youthful Kastner who was understudy to Azzopardi at George Cross in the early 1960s. Kastner took over in goal when Azzopardi transferred to Alexander, and was with George Cross for a total of 17 years before transferring to Keilor Austria and then to Preston Makedonia.

Azzopardi has been coaching juniors.

FRANKSTON CITY 2 (Bannon pen 6th, Rowe 56th) Altona City 1 (Whyte 65th) at B. T. Connor Reserve. Crowd: 1400 (double header) Sat.

FRANKSTON: Burgess 6.5 — Taylor 7, Adams 7, Cooper 7, Blacklaw 7 — Vulli 8, Bannon 8.5, Martincovic 5 (Leonastra 41st min) — Campbell 6, Well 7, Runje 5 (Rowe 49th min).

ALTONA: Masseni 6 — Kilpatrick 6, Wilson 5, Gramsberg 5, J. Little 7 — Bartolo 5.5 (Murphy 6, half time), Wattara 6, Deluca 6, Hammill 5 (Oliver 52nd) — Innes 5, Whyte 7.

Referee: Sam Zoumanis.

Cautions: Cooper (F).

Altona City and Frankston City, two clubs who worked so hard to cast off their 'unfashionable' image last season — are now at the crossroads.

The question both clubs must ask themselves is do we continue trying to match the big guns when our crowd support indicates it is a financial impossibility.

I think if the clubs are realistic they will abandon any hopeful plans of conquering Macedonia and Croatia in the State League.

Frankston last season did alright, but now finds itself in financial trouble with the prospect of having to re-build its team.

Frankston cast off its 'unfashionable' tag last season, and was unlucky not to win at least one trophy. However, to stay at the top requires money — lots of money — which is not in surplus at Frankston.

Altona also spent heavily last season, although not to the same degree as Frankston. The club climbed to 11th in 1978 to sixth in 1979, and was no longer regarded as 'easy meat'.

Come 1980, and Altona has lost four players from its team which performed creditably last season, but was far from being a force.

It is Altona's serious about reaching the top, it would have to sink large sums into its team — money again with is not readily available.

No, the future of Altona and Frankston lies in the youngsters they produce.

Last Saturday's Ampol Cup match between the two clubs featured many promising young players.

Altona fielded two 16 year olds — Billy Hammill and Jim Bartolo — plus Brian Kilpatrick, Cos Oliva, Lars Murphy and Sammy Deluca, who are all in their teens.

The standard of play was good, admittedly, but the experience gained by the young players can only improve them.

Hopefully these players will be given a chance to develop, as the progress of youth today, will directly determine the state of Victorian soccer tomorrow. — KYLE PATTERSON.

glimmer of hope last Sunday with a victory over Juventus. More recently, Sunshine were beaten in a sudden-death penalty show-down, and Juventus didn't have a full-strength team there, but the signs were there.

The team showed great improvement from its previous two games, mainly due to youngsters finding their feet and settling in the senior team.

Defenders Brian Coyle and Ricky Szlezak were impressive, and forwards John McNally and Steve Scerri weren't too overawed by the Juventus defence.

Promising signs, but still the ominous dark clouds haven't cleared from over Sunshine's head.

Three key senior players — Hugh Howe, Nick Lowe and Peter Clark — are reported to be unsettled and wanting transfers.

Three players leaving shouldn't affect a team too drastically, but in Sunshine's case it's the continuation of a slow, but steady exodus.

Last season, Ray Pocock, Nick Cook and Terry Banigan left Sunshine, and the season before Peter Lewis, Ian McCarthy and Tommy Cumming departed the scene. There has been a steady exodus of players, but no apparent influx to replace these.

Sunshine has indicated it is no longer interested in dipping into the transfer market every season; a wise policy too.

So the club will bank in its juniors meeting the challenges of the State League. Coach Ian Peterick is a great believer in juniors and will have to mould youth players around the basis of his team — Mike Dixey, Steve Ellis, Rob Nelson, Dave Nelson and Stuart Gilmore.

Kevin Wall, a striker from Frankston Pines, also played for Frankston City and is only 20.

The standard of play was good, admittedly, but the experience gained by the young players can only improve them.

Bobby McGuinness is the key to Juve's success, but he's overseas for another month yet. Providing McGuinness stays fit and in top shape, Juventus will be no pushover. — KYLE PATTERSON

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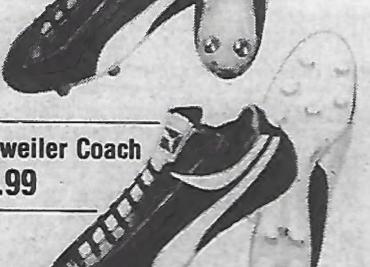
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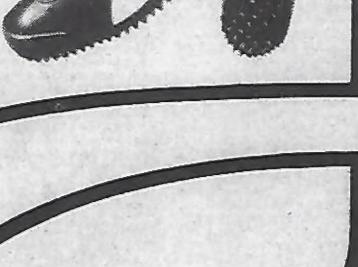
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PRESTON MAKEDONIA 6 (Ward 3, pen. 28th, 33rd, 69th, Cullen 12th, Leabirel 61st, Cutajar own goal 56th) **GEORGE CROSS** 1 (Baron 36th) at B.T. Connor Reserve. Crowd 1400 (double header), Saturday.

MAKEDONIA: Kastner 6 - Petrovski 7, Higman 6, Flavelle 6, Beech 7 - Faulkner 7, Luccia 7, Cunningham 5 (Leabirel 46th min) - Cullen 8, McMillan 8, Ward 8.

GEORGE CROSS: Agius 6 - Cutajar 4, Maitland 5, Castille 4 (Hooper 5, half time), Baron 6 - Wilson 5, Wilkinson 4, Bernard 6, Mirak 5 (Paparas 6, half time) - Mizzi 5, Morgan. **Referee:** Nick Karlich 7.

The season is just three weeks old and already there are rumours of discontent at George Cross.

It's the fans who are angry, and player/coach Billy Wilkinson is the target of the supporters' jibes and cat-calls.

Wilkinson was not a popular figure as George Cross crashed 6-1 to Preston Makedonia last Saturday, the heaviest defeat inflicted in the Ampol Cup this season.

Wilkinson was in the sorry sight of being the coach of the humbled team, as well as being one of the humiliated players.

The difficult problem of buying matches is to justify their place in the competition. Obviously, a group of George Cross fans don't think Wilkinson justifies a place at present.

The group was angry when Wilkinson substitute Robert Mirkat at half time, instead of taking himself off.

The anger grew as the Cross slowly slipped from the mediocre to pathetic in the second half, allowing Preston to have a field day.

However, the George Cross fans are being a trifle harsh on their team's coach.

Firstly, Wilkinson selected an experimental team, leaving out key players Tony Cowan, Jim Paparas and Gary Hooper. The experiment failed, but there was nothing at stake for George Cross anyway.

Secondly, Wilkinson has had only three competitive games in which to mould his team, and his long term plans are still in their infancy.

Thirdly, Wilkinson obviously thinks he will be more effective as a coach if in the fray with his players.

George Cross has the players to form a good State League team. However, if the fans advocate changes this early in the season, they could be in for another frustrating year.

The Cross needs stability if the club is to once again challenge for honors.

Preston Makedonia could bear the fruits of 1979's team building this season. For the first time since the club has been in the State League, the playing staff hasn't been chopped and changed during the close season.

Preston has an excellent forward line (Cullen, McMillan, Ward), and excellent midfield players, although they rarely work well as a unit.

KYLE PATTERSON

Hazabent stars

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Kondaros 40th, Ollerton penalty 60th.) **SLAVIA 0,** at Olympic Park, Saturday night, crowd about 1800.

J.U.S.T.: Boland 7 - Hazabent 8, O'Reilly 7, Kondaros 7.5, Jovicic 6 (Keric 68th), Jovanovic 5, Ollerton 7.5, Illoisic 5, Piscione 6 - Vasac 4 (P. Simic 75th), Lujic 5.5.

SLAVIA: Pupilese 7.5 - N. Haupt 8, Lawson 7.5, Bjelica 6 (Houston 55th), Pye 7 - Whitside 6, Wade 7, Cullen 6, Kinne 6, Griffiths 8, McGowan 7.5.

Referee: Stirling 6.

J.U.S.T. showed improvement in defence, where Igor Hazabent put on a fine performance, but its overall play was still unsatisfactory and Slavia easily could have won had it taken its chances in the first half.

Big striker Dave Griffiths was a constant threat to J.U.S.T. and right back Neville Haupt made a monkey out of Dzavko Lujic who thought perhaps that his reputation would be sufficient and effort unnecessary.

Slavia coach Harry Chalkitis had his team moving.

COSTLY ERRORS

HAKOAH 1 (French 85th) **CROYDON 0** at Middle Park, Sunday, crowd about 2200.

HAKOAH: O'Hara 8 - Owen 4 (Wilson full time) Gadsby 8, Baker 7.5, Edmondson 7.5, Blair 6, McNeill 6, Gibson 7.5, Rooney 5, French 5.5, Bozinovski 5, Jordanou 4, 51st.

CROYDON: Edwards 7 - Brown 7.5, McKinley 8, McCombe 8, Wylie 7 - Doornenbal 6 (Page 80th, Pongho 7, Murphy 8 - Loughnane 7 (sent off), Forsyth 6, Brogan 7.

Referee: Venous 6.

Bad mistakes by Rob Forsyth and Charlie Murphy in the goals and so it went on!

Croydon should have won this match three times over yet eventually capitulated to a headed goal by Graham French from a cross by substitute Jimmy Wilson five minutes from the end of extra time.

The Ampol Cup is over for both teams. They have done enough to suggest they will be among the better performers in the State League this year, although neither of them will worry Croatia and Makedonia - LAURIE SCHWAB

Poulakakis hopes

Coach Manny Poulakakis was hoping against hope on Monday night that Heidelberg Utd would make him a last-minute offer which would keep him with the Phillips League club.

If Heidelberg offers Poulakakis a contract similar to the lucrative deal offered by Victorian State League club Juventus, he will continue as coach of Heidelberg.

If the Heidelberg offer is not forthcoming, Poulakakis will join Juventus on a two-year contract reported to be worth \$30,000.

The Poulakakis affair was believed to be finalised last weekend, but Poulakakis said his move to Juventus wasn't certain.

"I will stay with Heidelberg if offered a similar contract," said Poulakakis. "The Heidelberg committee discussed the matter on Monday night."

However, Poulakakis admitted his move to Juventus was 99% sure.

Poulakakis was unhappy that he held over the position during the 1979 season.

If Poulakakis moves to Juventus as expected, Heidelberg's new coach will be John Adams, an English F.A. staff coach who came to Australia last season on a lecture tour.

Ironically, it was Poulakakis who arranged the visit by Adams.

Adams is likely to be Heidelberg's promotions officer as well as senior coach. Poulakakis was reluctant to combine both jobs, another reason why he is likely to move to Juventus.

Poulakakis has coached Juventus twice before - in 1968 and in 1975.

Mitten fits like glove

CROATIA 3 (Batinovic 8th, Kokoska 25th, Mitten 29th) **ALBION ROVERS 0** at Olympic Park. Crowd: 1900 (double header) Sunday.

CROATIA: Blasby 8 (Kovac 63rd min) - Short 5.5, Kokoska 6, Gardiner 7, (Istuk 82nd min), Beller 7 - Trout 6, Klarin 8, Murphy 8, Culine 8.5, Mitten 8, Batinovic 7.

ALBION: Johnson 6 - Haveaux 5, Nisbet 6, Stevens 5, Gatt 6 - McIntyre 5, Reilly 5.5, Mackay 5 - D'Sylva 5, Spiteri 6.5, Nisbet 5.

Referee: David Yelland

7, **Caution:** McIntyre 7.

Especially Croatia's closest season signing of Noel Mitten of Franklin City surprised many people.

Some queried the wisdom of signing a centre forward when the club already had Victoria team striker Carl Gilder established in the side.

Others decided that Gilder was going to transfer to another club, and that Mitten was the replacement.

However, Mitten and Gilder look set to form a dangerous striking combination with the aid of the tiny dynamo Tommy Cumming.

Close analysis reveals Mitten and Gilder to be quite different types of players, with different strengths that will benefit the other.

Different styles or not, both are goal scorers, which can make both Croatia a more dangerous attacking unit.

Gilder scored 23 goals last season, and Mitten 24 goals - making them the highest scorers in the State League.

Mitten is a player who likes running at defences. He has deceptive speed, and good close control which enables him to "wedge" past defenders.

Often Mitten will go to the flanks in search of the ball, so he has the space to receive a pass, turn and attack defences.

He has the ability to go outside a defence, and to the line to cut the ball back, as well as cut inside for a shot at goal.

Gilder is a strong player, whose effectiveness depends more on his team mates. He relishes a right situation in which he has to shield the ball and lay it off to a team mate, or perhaps turn with a defender pressing him hard.

Gilder needs good service, and good support from team mates, being a target man.

The target man is best out of defence or from midfield, which he will hold and wait for support, before laying off to start a move.

Mitten will play a secondary role as a support player to Gilder, looking for Gilder's early off-loads and flicks which will give him the time and space to display his skills.

Mitten has got off to a great start with Croatia, scoring in each of the three games he has played.

Gilder returned to Australia this week, and is probably lacking in fitness and match practice.

However, the combination may take the field for the first time in the Ampol Cup semi finals next week.

The showing against Albion, Croatia is slowly getting its game together, but is still far away from peak form. — KYLE PATTERSON

'No sweat' for Heidelberg

HEIDELBERG UNITED 3 (Pavlidis 23rd, Selimidis 50th & 65th) **GREEN GULLY AJAX 0** at Olympic Park, Saturday night, crowd about 1800.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 6 (Banovic 6, half time) - Yzendoorn 8, Provan 7, Bannon 8, McMillan 8 - Yankos 6, Selimidis 9, Moulis 5 (Kyriakidis 5, half time) - Bozikas 6, Paton 5, Pavlidis 6.

AJAX: Denys 6 - Hogben 7, Donelson 7, Patten 7, Turner 7, Cyril 8 - Vojtek 6, Turner 4, Thomas 4, (J. Benagan 62nd), Vassallo 6 - Segi 5, Bennie 5.

Referee: Dixon 8

Worried that his depleted

team would lose to the Cup holder, Heidelberg president Jim Mangopoulos called for a postponement but the VSF turned him down.

Mangopoulos felt it was unfair to expect Heidelberg to play against 10 men. Jimmy Rooney, Tim Tanssey, Gary Cole and Jim Campbell.

But as it turned out, Heidelberg was more than good enough to beat Ajax with only half a team.

Theo Selimidis did most of the damage by himself, having a picnic in midfield and scoring two goals.

It was obvious from the first few minutes that Heidelberg's full backs John Yzendoorn and Arthur McMillan would dominate the game with their raids on the flanks, yet none of the Ajax midfielders moved to stop them.

Ajax's plan was to defend and counter-attack. It was strange therefore that one of the two strikers was Steve Bennie, not a fast man by any means, and hardly suited to fast counter attacks.

Fans were like Fred Beller and Yuri DeFreitas were on the bench.

But I don't think any permutation would have made any difference. Heidelberg was simply too good.

The goals — 23rd: Pavlidis with a good shot from within the box after a good combination on the left; 50th: Selimidis heads from a Charlie Yankee cross; 65th: Paton tries to dribble past three men who finally beat him and push the ball out into the open where Selimidis slams it high into the top corner. — LAURIE SCHWAB



South Australian Ampol Cup

Beograd leads

Azzuri and Beograd, the two equal favorites for the S.A. Ampol Cup, retained their unbeaten records after two tense games last Friday night.

Azzuri was forced to share the points with Cumberland in a 1-1 draw while Beograd edged Polonia 2-1.

Cumberland, following its fine 3-0 win over Elizabeth last week, set the pace against Azzuri and was clearly the superior side in the opening half.

However, Azzuri muscled its way back into contention mainly due to a splendid effort from former Mooroolbark player and last year's Rothmans Medal winner Wally Bojczuk.

AZZURI 1 (White, 61 mins) **CUMBERLAND 1** (Walsh 34 mins).

CUMBERLAND: Charman 7, Harvey 7, Peart 7, Tandy 7, Ball 7, Doherty 7, Pandurit 7, London 7, McNally 7, Welsh 7, Mahony 7.

BEGRAD 2 (Santac 14 mins, Evans 54 mins) **POLONIA 1** (Lora 34 mins).

BEGRAD: Merlicic 8, Campbell 7, Strat 7, Harwood 7, Urkalo 7, Opacic 7, Evans 8, Douvarzidis 7, Arezina 7, Santac 7, Pangrazio 7.

CAMPBELLTOWN 2 POLONIA 0

Goals: — Campbelltown: Stratwick 7, Douvarzidis 7, Pangrazio 7.

POLONIA: Jacques 8, Di Bartolo 7, Strat 7, Kucmierz 7, Stanczak 7, Larecki 7, Nadolny 7, Typik 7, Kozca 7, Kolecki 8, Cademaro 7.

CAMPBELLTOWN 1 VICTORIA 0

Goal: Haigh (35 mins).

CAMPBELLTOWN: Scarcella 8, Knisch 7, Geretta 7, Russo 7, Merlicic 7, Stratwick 7, Maciocian 7, Annunziata 7, Haigh 7, Depinto 7, Barndredge 7.

VICTORIA: Green 7, Gauci 7, Wixmann 7, Mullens 7, Higgins 7, Mitchell 8, Elliott 6, Mukulic 6, Key 7, Jackson 6 (GIR 7).

ELIZABETH 1 PARA HILLS 1

Goals: Elizabeth: Hughes 4, (2 mins), 6 mins, 10 mins, 38 mins; Henderson 13 mins; Para Hills 40 mins.

ELIZABETH: Delfos 8, Holland 7, Strat 7, Delfos 7, Greenhalgh 7, Henderson 8, Lee 9, Boyd 8, Morris 7, Morris 10, Bell 7.

PARA HILLS: Pridoux 5, Duncan 6, Weeks 6, Burton 6, Vizanti 6, Whitehead 6, Brown 6, Toner 6, Moss 6, Durrant 7, Bell 7.

BEGRAD 3 (Opacic 2, Santac 1)

CUMBERLAND 2 (Evans, Maloney 7)

VICTORIA 2 (Mitchell, Key Elizabeth) (Hughes).

BEGRAD 4 (Bojczuk 2, Iannace, White) **CAMPBELLTOWN 2** (Halg, Chadwick).

POLONIA 0 PARA HILLS 0.

Ampol Cup standing after last Friday's matches:

	V	D	L	F	A
Beograd	2	1	0	8	4.5
Azzuri	2	0	1	8	4.4
Victoria	2	0	1	8	4.4
Campbelltown	2	0	1	8	4.4
Cumberland	1	1	1	6	4.3
Polonia	1	0	2	10	4.2
Elizabeth	1	0	2	6	5.2
Para Hills	0	0	3	17	0

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COUNTER-ATTACK

Roos should use their speed: Cole

Counter-attack — that's the only way the Australian team will penetrate the defence of European champion Czechoslovakia in the current series, according to Socceroo striker Gary Cole.

The Socceroos do not have the ability to attack the Czechs with orchestrated build-ups, said Cole, but their speed in counter-attacks could be successful.

"It's ludicrous to expect the Australian team to go out and attack the Czechs non-stop," said Cole. "We haven't got the players to match them at that sort of game."

Cole, the top Phillips League goalscorer of Heidelberg Utd, made his analysis after the Socceroos' 0-4 defeat in Canberra.

After studying the Czech defence, Cole believes the pair of Phil O'Connor, Peter Sharne and Tommy Cumming could cause considerable headaches for the visitors.

"The Czech defence was shown up to be slow," said Cole. "The likes of O'Connor, Cumming, Sharne and myself can hike a bit, and we can use this to test out the Czech back four."

"The Czechs cover well in defence but quick counter-attacks could catch them out."

Cole said that the Socceroos created three good scoring chances against the Czechs in Canberra and that if one of them had been taken, the Australian soccer public would have viewed the result differently.

"The Canberra game shouldn't be considered a disaster," emphasised Cole. "In fact, I think 4-0 flattered the Czechs. Had we scored a goal to make it 1-4, people would think differently."

"When we finished off the pitch, coach Rudi Gutendorf was happy with our performance. Then he and the players were hit with criticism from the media."

Gutendorf had in fact warned the Australian soccer public, via the media, to expect defeats at the hands of the Czechs as he was determined that his team should attack flat-out.

But the defeat was not a debacle in Cole's mind.

"The Czechs didn't make us look silly," he said. "Each goal they scored can be attributed to failure on our behalf."

"Despite a few lapses, the Australians concentrated throughout the 90 minutes. We had the Czechs pushing the ball across the park, instead of knocking it forward."

"Considering our preparation for the match, it was a good result," Cole underlined the Australians' lack of preparation by saying he was probably one of the fitter players in the squad, yet had been back from his holidays only three weeks.

By KYLE PATTERSON

"Two of the boys who took the field against the Czechs — Jim Tansey and John Coyne — had been back from holiday only one week," said Cole. "The Australian squad was made up of 17 unfit individuals, playing out of season."

Back on the topic of concentration by the players during games, Cole said the national side was showing the influence of the Victorian State team.

"The Victorian team concentrates for the full 90 minutes now," said Cole, "whereas early last season we didn't. The game against Norwich City last May showed this, as we led 2-0 but conceded four goals near the end."

In comparison, the game against Red Star last month showed the Victorian team concentrating for the full game. Because of this concentration, we were able to beat Red Star, even though many players had just returned from holidays."

Four Victorian players — Cole, Cumming, Tansey and Jimmy Rooney — were in the starting Australian lineup against the Czechs in Canberra.

Cole was used as a midfielder, a position strange to him.

"It was difficult to adapt to the midfield," said Cole. "I took about 35 minutes to learn how to regain my breath and recuperate from a period of hard work."

"After about 30 minutes I was shattered but then I discovered how to 'rest' in the midfield. I was sent out as an attacking midfielder but it was difficult bursting into attack and then having to chase back into defence."

Cole at present is No. 2 centre forward in the national squad behind Marcon's Eddie Krncevic. Cole, however, doesn't begrudge Krncevic his place.

"At the moment, Eddie is in fantastic form," praised Cole. "His finishing is unbelievable. In China and at the recent training camp he was scoring goals from all angles and all distances."

"That's why he's playing and that's the way it should be. Clubs pay millions of dollars for forwards who score goals because it takes a special knack to knock the ball into the net."

Cole admitted his finishing was not up to the standard Krncevic was currently setting.

"But if Eddie loses his touch I will get a chance. Then it will be up to me to make the most of the opportunity," Cole said.

Still, Cole is no hawk when it comes to scoring goals. He has scored 42 in the three seasons of the PSL to be the competition's leading marksman.

His scoring feats have brought international recognition in the form of offers from Greek First Division clubs.

AEK Athens and PAOK Salonica are believed to have contacted Heidelberg Utd about the possibility of a transfer.



Gary Cole streaks away from AEK Athens defender Lakis Nicolaou before scoring one of his three goals for Victoria against the Greek tourists last year. AEK since has shown interest in signing him.

Cole, however, hasn't heard from the Greek clubs and has heard only whispers and rumours from Heidelberg.

Cole, who seems slightly tired of all the talk, said: "Nothing's concrete, so there's little point worrying about it. Last season there was the big new of Bobby Kruse joining the New York Cosmos, but nothing happened."

The blonde striker showed he was being realistic about the transfer talk when he said: "I haven't got my heart set on a villa overlooking the Greek Islands."

But when pressed, Cole admits he would be interested in a transfer if it brought great financial rewards.

"Any professional must consider an offer," said Cole, "and I would be a fool to turn down an offer of thousands of dollars. A person is young only once and must make the most of a lifetime."

"But it would take a fantastic offer to make me leave Australia. I have a job here with the Education Department and an ambition to play in the World Cup finals with Australia," said Cole.

"However, if I went to a foreign club, I would make sure my contract stipulated that I would be released for Australian national team games."

However, it is unlikely Cole would remain in the plans of Rudi Gutendorf if he transferred to Greece. With

many games and training camps scheduled, it would be impossible for Cole to travel to and fro.

In the event of one of the Greek clubs making an offer to Cole, I think he would choose to stay and play for Australia.

Meanwhile, Cole has revealed that Australian soccer Federation president Sir Arthur George soon will have discussions with the Victorian Education Department regarding his position.

As the World Cup preliminary matches draw closer, Cole will be requiring more leave from his teaching duties.

His soccer commitments often will clash with his employment as a teacher.

Cole obviously has no desire to quit his job with the Education Department and wouldn't consider cutting back the time he devotes to soccer.

"There is a glut of teachers at present," said Cole, "and if I were to resign I wouldn't get my job back. The Education Department may even take a dim view of the situation regarding my time off."

The result of Sir Arthur's discussions with the Education Department will be interesting. If soccer is treated as a second-rate sport by the State Government, as it has been in the past, Cole may have a fight on his hands.

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WILLIAMS WANTS HIS PLACE BACK

'Bullet', once the fastest full back in Australia, is now a forgotten man.

In two short years he has faded into obscurity after having been a sensation in an otherwise dull and colorless Socceroo combination.

The leg injuries that threatened his career and prevented him from playing with club and country are now healed but there are lingering doubts about his speed. Will 'Bullet' still have the swift, smooth stride that was his trademark?

'Bullet' is 28-year-old Canberra City defender Harry Williams, who in 1970 became the first Aboriginal to wear the green and gold of the Socceroos.

A decade has passed since Williams made history in Hong Kong and now he's facing the biggest challenge of his distinguished career: an attempt to re-establish himself in the Australian team after being written off as a contender.

The softly-spoken Williams has an aura of great determination about him.

"I have a burning desire to return to the Australian team," he said deliberately. "I want that I must start all over again. I made it to the World Cup finals in 1974 with Australia but that doesn't count now."

"I know it will take a lot of effort to make it back but it's in my character to strive that little bit harder. I have no doubts about my ultimate goal — to be in our team in Spain."

Williams, a veteran of 43 games for Australia including 18 full internationals, knows he has many barriers to overcome.

"People tend to think I belong to another era because I played in the 1974 World Cup team and that I'm out of the running for any future Australian team," he said.

Williams said he didn't like to think of his return to active playing as a 'comeback'.

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"It doesn't take people very long to forget," said Williams. "I was out for a short while and was forgotten. That's human nature."

"But I didn't retire or walk out of soccer. I had a groin injury and then a hamstring injury and was unable to play. I desperately wanted to be fit and playing, but I had to wait until late last season."

Williams obviously will need time to settle in to the Canberra City line up. He will be like a 'new chum' having played only four senior matches in nearly two seasons with City.

The barrier facing him is one Jim Tansey, who has a vice-like grip on the left back position in the Socceroo team.

"I've been following the national team's results," said Williams, "and realise Jimmy has been going well. He's a friend of mine and I have nothing against him."

"I will be competing against him for a place. His presence makes my task more difficult but I never have thought it would be easy."

"Midway through last season I played half a dozen games with the Canberra City Roos in the ACT First Division. I found playing at that level was difficult and realised then it would be hard work to again play international soccer."

"I'm under no illusions. I know I have much hard work to do."

Williams also realises that a return to top form still could not guarantee a place in the Socceroo team.

"I have been able to keep up with Walter Valeri, Kenny

and what about the old Williams dash?"

"It's hard to say if I will have the same speed as I did before the lay off," said Williams. "It's a question I have been continually asking myself, but I have no answer."

"The real test will be the practice matches. Only then will I know if I am slower, and by how much. But my legs feel in good shape."

However, Williams has looked promising in training.

"I have been able to keep up with Walter Valeri, Kenny



Former Socceroo left back Harry Williams, then with St. George, flies past Footscray J.U.S.T. defender Jim Milne. Williams has shaken off troublesome injuries and will resume his career with Canberra City this year.

The thing that matters most is Rudi Gutendorf's opinion," said Williams. "He selects the players according to his thinking, not anyone else's."

Williams, however, has time on his side. He is still only 28, younger than several other players currently in the Australian team.

"Age need not come into it," said Williams. "Eighteen or 38, it is ability that matters in soccer."

"I honestly think that in international soccer, experience is more important than youth, speed and aggression."

Williams made his point by saying that the Australian team that faced a strong Czechoslovakia was "unbalanced".

"The national team needs experience first and foremost," said Williams. "I think there are players in this country who would greatly benefit the Australian side, but they are not considered."

Williams added Murray Barnes and Peter Stone as two players who are proven at international level.

"I'm adamant that more experienced players must be introduced," said Williams. "It's essential that youngsters are given a go, but a correct balance must be found."

"Australia didn't have the correct balance against Czechoslovakia in Canberra. With more experienced players, Australia would have done better."

Williams' attitude is not a sensible one. He's not saying youngsters should be kept on the sidelines at the expense of older players like himself.

In fact, Williams suffered great disappointment because former national coach Rale Basic followed the "experience before youth" policy.

Williams' disappointment came in the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany. He takes up the story.

"Col Curran was injured early in the tour, and was doubtful for the World Cup games," said Williams. "But he managed to get fit enough to play in West Germany, although he was far from 100%."

"I thought I should have played at least two of the World Cup games, but in the end played only as a substitute for 10 minutes," it was a great disappointment."

"I realise now that Basic had the choice between experience and youth and went for experience, even though Curran was still carrying an injury."

Back to the present and the hopes of Canberra City.

"I think Canberra City will surprise many people this season," said Williams. "We had all the ingredients last season but didn't realise our potential."

"This season we have an even better squad and a lot of confidence."

Canberra's new players include John, Robert and Mike



Heidelberg's Jim Tansey trips over the leg of West Adelaide forward Ian McGregor. Tansey now holds the Australian left back position which Harry Williams wants back.

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Murray Barnes kicks clear in front of a South Korean opponent during a 1977 World Cup qualifying match. Harry Williams says the Socceroos need the experience of men like Barnes.

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West German coach Hennes Weisweiler of FC Cologne has announced he will join New York Cosmos of the North American Soccer League at the end of this season.

Weisweiler announced his surprise decision last week and flew to Paris to sign a three-year contract worth \$364,000 a year.

The 60-year-old Weisweiler spent 11 years with Borussia Muenchengladbach followed by a season in Spain with Barcelona.

Hennes Weisweiler

before returning to West Germany with Cologne in 1976. Two years later he led them to the league and cup double.

He is the second big name in West German soccer to join Cosmos, the 1974 World Cup captain Franz Beckenbauer signed in 1977.

Forest victory

European Cup holder Nottingham Forest beat Barcelona which won the Cup Winners' Cup last season, 1-0 in Nottingham last week in the first leg of the European "Supercup".

Halftime: 1-0.

Scorer: Charlie George (nine minutes).

The second leg will be played in Barcelona today (Wednesday).

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ATTENDANCES JUMP AS GREEKS CELEBRATE

THE WHOLE of Greece appeared to be celebrating the national team's splendid 1-0 victory over Russia, which put them into the European Championship finals for the first time.

National team manager Alketas Panagoulas has undoubtedly done a marvellous job, restocking public opinion which clamoured for the return of old established stars, but the manager persevered with his programme of rejuvenation and is being rewarded beyond the wildest dreams.

When the draw was made it appeared that Hungary and Russia would decide the group winner between them. Now these giants of European soccer have both been thrown out. Whether Greece could make an impact in the European finals is of course quite another matter.

The manager is willing to give a chance to young players like Kousoulakis, Xanthopoulos (both Iraklis), Livathinos (Panathinaikos) and Anastopoulos (Panionios).

Panagoulas argues that these players have shown a willingness to fight and they should be given a chance. Experienced men like Delkaris (Panathinaikos), Mavron (AEK) and Chatzopanajis (Iraklis) produce a Greek team that will give a good account of themselves against any opposition.

Greek clubs too, look back

on a highly successful domestic season. For three long years gates were dropping until last term brought a dramatic improvement.

A total of 2,502,810 paid admission to the 306 League games, for an average of 8,180.

The year before the average was 6,600 and that means a rise of 24 per cent.

Total receipts amounted to 41 million pounds. The most popular club remain Olympiakos Piraeus who sold 417,000 tickets for the 17 home games.

Average attendance 24,560. These were followed by AEK, Panathinaikos, PAOK and Aris.

The highest attendance was registered at Salonica, where 41,910 watched PAOK v. AEK, bringing in 95,000 pounds at the gate. In all 792 goals were scored — 2.6 per match. The leading scorers were: Mavros (AEK) with 31 and joint second best in Europe, Bajevic (AKM) and Kottis (Rheodos) 24 each. Third Panathinaikos 16, Guerino and Orfanos (both PAOK) 15 each.

The only sour note, at the very end, was provided by Olympiakos' refusal to play-off for the title, against AEK, after the clubs finished on points. Referee Ioannidis and the AEK team waited at the neutral Panathinaikos stadium for ten minutes, then AEK were declared champions.

Two matches from the end Olympiaakos had a two-point lead at the top, then followed a 0-0 against Kastoria, where Olympiakos missed three penalties! AEK were trailing one point behind, but won their last game 7-2, while Olympiakos could only manage a 3-3 v. Iraklis in Crete. The referee "gave" the home team an offside goal and refused Olympiakos a penalty, it was claimed.

The Pireaus club called an extraordinary general meeting of its members but they decided that the team should not play-off for the championship, as they felt cheated by the referees. The rejuvenated team led by the Yugoslav Veselinovic, should have taken the title, but if you haven't got a penalty expert, what can you expect?

A year ago AEK were champions and cup winners under Tschik Cakowski. Then came the famous Ferenc Puskas and led the side to the

top, but in the spring things began to go wrong. Eventually Pouskas was deposed. Under his assistant and successor Stamatios, AEK were beaten and dropped one. Only in the Cup final the team disappointed its fans losing 3-1 to unfancied Panionios. With 90 goals in 34 matches, AEK boasted the second highest scoring attack in Europe (Ajax got 93).

The surprise of the season was Aris Salonia which with a young side led by the Bulgarian Tsatskerki reached third place. Fourth (with seven wins) in Crete were PAOK Salonia. They scored 78 goals and conceded the fewest (23), but the new team chief Egon Piechaczek did not have enough time to find the best blend.

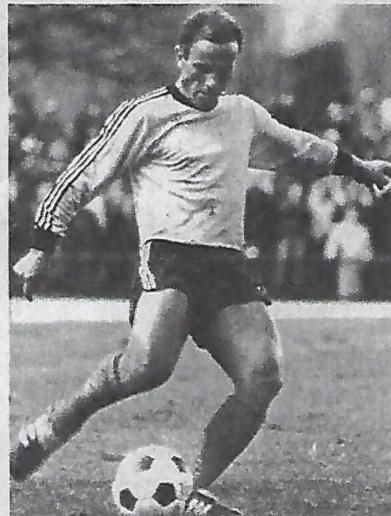
Disappointment was in store for Panathinaikos. First the players "dethroned" the Polish manager Kazimierz Gorski, but even under the highly rated Petropoulos the club failed to gain a place in Europe. Jubilation reigned at Panionios who won the Cup under their Greek team boss Panos Markovic.

For the new season, which began as usual late on September 30, all the big clubs were very active in the transfer market. Champions AEK bought the Yugoslav Vladic (ex Velez Mostar) for \$130,000. Argiros (Asturias) for \$160,000; Thodis (Karditsa) \$70,000 and Kaselakis (Agius) \$17,000. Olympiakos also signed a Yugoslav Novoselac (Dynamos Zagreb) for \$165,000, and Argentine Luis (River Plate) \$105,000; Kuscelski (Iraklis) \$260,000 and Gregori (Omonia Nicosia) \$100,000.

Panathinaikos purchased Ore for \$400,000, Kiritsis (Rapid Vienna) for \$110,000, Petrinotis (Fostir \$110,000, and Tsirigos (Athromitos) \$90,000. Iraklis got Papaiouannou and Kalampakas (both ex-Pierikos) for a joint fee of \$60,000; Lukovic and Tzirkis (both ex-Panseirakos) who cost \$40,000 each. Aris obtained the Uruguayan Rodriguez for \$100,000 and Wan (ex-Aigaleo) for \$10,000. PAOK hired Agas (ex-Nicosia) for just \$46,000 and Wassilakos (Almimos) for \$35,000.

The 18 First Division clubs spent altogether \$3 million on new players.

— Arthur Rotmil in World Soccer



Greek star Mimi Domazos

Domazos with Panathinaikos

JUST FONTAINE, the man who holds the record as top scorer in the World Cup finals with 13 goals in 1958, has returned to football.

After sad experiences as manager of the French national team and of Paris Saint-Germain, Fontaine has been appointed team boss by Morocco — who hope to return to the 1982 finals, after having featured in Mexico in 1970.

More bad news for Hamburg. After the illness which struck Yugoslav midfield and defensive star Ivan Buljan, they must now wind up for the League battle with Bayern Munich and the Champions' Cup quarter finals without star right back Manni Kaltz.

He, too, has been ill and will be out for three weeks, possibly a month.

THE EAST German magazine Neue Fussballwelle has named England as the best national

team of 1979. West Germany were rated second and Holland third. And England's European rivals Italy? No better than seventh.

MIMIS DOMAZOS, Greek football's outstanding player over the past decade, is back with Panathinaikos of Athens after a controversial spell with AEK across the city.

Domazos, who is 38 and has played in 49 internationals, said: "This transfer has been my best Christmas present," he says.

THE OLD rivalry between Bayern Munich and Borussia Moenchengladbach has emerged again, with Bayern sneaking in first to sign Norwegian defender Einar Aas on a 24 year contract.

Borussia thought they had Aas sewn up, but Uli Hoeness, now Bayern's general manager, made a secret trip to Oslo in a private jet to complete the deal, worth nearly 200,000 pounds to the player.

FERRUCCIO VALCAREGGI, manager of the Italian World Cup team in 1974, has hit back at allegations by Kazimierz Dyna and Jan Tomaszewski that his men tried to bribe Poland to let them win a vital game.

"Our experience in that World Cup was bitter enough without all this nonsense," said Valcaregg. "Poland's manager Kazimierz Gorski, has categorically denied any bribe attempts. And I prefer to believe him."

ASTON VILLA aren't the only club interested in Barcelona's Austrian World Cup star Hans Krankl. The 25-year-old who was top scorer in Spain last season has admitted to offers from West Germany and Italy as well — and Portuguese clubs Benfica and Porto are watching the situation.

Barcelona gave Krankl a fortnight's holiday recently to return home to Vienna to sort out a new club, and Rapid Vienna — his old team — joined the queue, hoping to get him to loan until the season's end.

KEEPS ROLLERS are to leave PSV Eindhoven at the season's end after eight years as head coach — and could well move to France where he was a popular player in the 1950s for Saint Etienne.

LEV YASHIN, great Russian keeper of the 1950s and early 1960s, will be back in action this summer — in Sweden. At the invitation of last season's Champions' Cup runners-up, Malmo, he is to run a summer school for budding goalkeepers.

Bob Houghton, the English coach of Swedish club Malmo, has paid 32,000 pounds for Blackburn defender Tim Parker.

Keegan hit by vandals after decision to quit

Hamburg fans expressed their disappointment and disapproval at Kevin Keegan's decision to quit Germany with more than just words.

The England skipper went to his garage one morning to find his Mercedes had been vandalised.

The four wheels were missing and damage was estimated at more than a thousand pounds.

A note pinned to the windscreen said it was a protest against his decision to leave at the end of the season.

JAN TOMASZEWSKI, the Clown Prince of Wembley after his World Cup display in November 1973, is at it again. This time it was making up for a blunder in Beerschot's match against Belgian title-chasing RWD Molenbeek. Having let a shot slip through his hands, Tomaszewski grew increasingly frustrated at seeing his team-mates fluff the opportunities to equalise.

In the end, in the final seconds, he raced upfield into the RWD penalty area, and headed down a centre to provide the equaliser.

WILLIE ORMOND, the former Scotland team boss and for the past few years manager of Hearts, is to take over Edinburgh club to an industrial tribunal after being fired with 19 months of his contract still to run. Hearts, joined first divi-

From Jim Cook
Our European Correspondent

dent and is to retire.

Nottingham Forest striker Gary Birles, an England Under 21 cap who joined the club less than two years ago from a local non-league side for a few thousand pounds, is having his name linked with Naples F.C.

IAN CALLAGHAN finally equalled Bobby Charlton's record of 84 FA Cup appearances when he came on as sub in the second replay of Swanside's cup-tie with Crystal Palace.

January brought several black spots and sores to soccer in UK. Within the space of a few days, a policeman was shot dead while on duty after the Crusaders v Portadown game in Northern Ireland, a student collapsed at the start of Middlesex's game at the finish of their game with Manchester United killing a husband and wife, a Swanside fan was stabbed to death and another seriously injured after the Swanside v Crystal Palace cup replay at Cardiff, while the Nottingham Forest chairman Stuart Dryden was jailed for six months for deception offences committed while he was a sub-postmaster. Dryden's son is also a magistrate.

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Hellas' turn this time?



By LAURIE SCHWAB

Branko Buljevic lines up against his old team for the first time since his \$20,000 transfer from Heidelberg to South Melbourne Hellas when the two teams meet at Middle Park at 5 pm on Sunday.

And his presence on the opposing side means that Heidelberg's dominance over South Melbourne probably has come to an end.

For Buljevic was consistently among the best players in Heidelberg's five victories and three draws over Hellas since the Philips League started in early 1977.

What's more, he was overall top scorer in those matches.

But there are other factors pointing to a Hellas victory — the first in nine matches between the clubs since 1977. Heidelberg has lost not only Buljevic but also Ken Taylor who is back in Scotland. Gary Cole, Jim Tansey and Jim Rooney have to play for Australia against Czechoslovakia the day before and they won't find it easy.

South Melbourne has players to burn and will use this game to continue trying out various combinations.

The match will provide the Hellas defence with its first serious test. State League forward lines have failed to make an impression during the Ampol Cup, but Jamie Paton Gary Cole and Jim Campbell certainly will provide Pat Bannon and company with a few headaches.

The match is part of the Buljevic transfer deal, Australia's second most expensive after Jim Hermiston's \$30,000 switch from Grange Thistle to Brisbane Lions.

Possible teams:

HEIDELBERG: Banovic — McMillan, Provan, Yzendoorn, Tansey — Semelidis, P. Bannon, Rooney — Campbell, Paton, Cole.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets — V. Bannon, Munro, Blair, Davidson — Rogers, Christopoulos — Ristovski, Evans, Buljevic, Kakantoni.

Heidelberg United will clash with Preston Makedonia in a practice match at Connor Reserve, Reservoir, at 6.30 pm today (Wednesday).



Heidelberg striker Jamie Paton — he poses the major threat to Hellas.



Branko Buljevic heads a goal for Heidelberg against Hellas goalkeeper Jack Reilly. Buljevic switched from J.U.S.T. to Heidelberg for \$12,500 and from Heidelberg to Hellas for \$20,000.

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Hellas forward Alun Evans thanks the heavens after scoring a goal.

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SOUTH MELBOURNEHELLAS 1 (Cummins 57th) **FITZROY ALEXANDER** 1 (Provan 88th) et al.

HELLAS: Reilly 7, Pye 6, Xanthopoulos 6, Kafefidis 7, Hagemannouli 6, Gibson 5, Dapera 4 (Alexiou 80th), Cummings 6, Ollerton 6, French 4, Total: 63

ALEXANDER: Blasby 6 — Nelson 6, O'Reilly 7, Glykakalamos 7, Provan 6, Ristovski 6 — Cummins 6, Dapera 6, Gibson 5, Hagemannouli 6 (half time), Buljevic 6, Ollerton 6, French 4, Total: 72

FITZROY ALEXANDER 5 (Buljevic 2, Cole 2, Provan 1, Dapera 1) — **SOUTH MELBOURNE** 1 (Rogers 2) at Olympic Park.

HELLAS: Blasby 6 — Nelson 6, O'Reilly 7, Glykakalamos 7, Provan 6, Ristovski 6 — Cummins 6, Dapera 6, Gibson 5, Hagemannouli 6 (half time), Buljevic 6, Ollerton 6, French 4, Total: 72

ALEXANDER: Blasby 4 (Whiteside 5, 88th) — Bannon 7, O'Reilly 7, Provan 6, Ristovski 6 — Cummins 6, Dapera 6 — Campbell 6 (Tansley 82nd), Taylor 7, Buljevic 7 — Cole 7, Buljevic 9, Total: 75

HELLAS: Reilly 7 — Pye 6, Xanthopoulos 6, Kafefidis 7, Dapera 6 (Hagemannouli 6 half time), Mitten 6, Rogers 6, Gibson 5 — Kent 7, French 6, Ollerton 6, Total: 66

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SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Kent 45th) **FITZROY ALEXANDER** 1 (Cox 53rd) at Middle Park.

HELLAS: Hansen 7 — Pye 6, Kafefidis 7, Hagemannouli 6, Gibson 5, Dapera 6, Mitten 6, Rogers 6, Gibson 5 — Kent 7, French 6, Ollerton 6, Total: 77

ALEXANDER: Blasby 6 — McMillan 7, Provan 6, Ristovski 6, Gibson 5, Dapera 6, Taylor 7, Taylor 8 (O'Reilly 6, half time) — Buljevic 6, Cole 6, Buljevic 8, Total: 75

FITZROY ALEXANDER 4 (Buljevic 2, Campbell 2, Provan 1, Dapera 1) — **SOUTH MELBOURNE** 1 (Rogers 1) at Olympic Park.

HELLAS: Reilly 7 — Pye 6, Xanthopoulos 6, Kafefidis 7, Dapera 6 (Hagemannouli 6 half time), Mitten 6, Rogers 6, Gibson 5 — Kent 7, French 6, Ollerton 6, Total: 66

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SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Kent 45th) **FITZROY ALEXANDER** 1 (Provan 88th) at Middle Park.

HELLAS: Hansen 7 — Pye 6, Kafefidis 7, Hagemannouli 6, Gibson 5, Dapera 6, Mitten 6, Rogers 6, Gibson 5 — Kent 7, French 6, Ollerton 6, Total: 77

FITZROY ALEXANDER 4 (Buljevic 2, Campbell, McMillan) **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS** 1 (Rogers) at Olympic Park.

ALEXANDER, Blasby 7 — McMillan 6, Provan 6, Ristovski 6, Tansley 6 — Semelidis 6 (injured, substituted), Mitevski 6, Bannon 8, Campbell 8, Buljevic 6, Cole 7, Buljevic 9, Total: 89

HELLAS: Reilly 7 — Pye 6, Kafefidis 7, Baxter 6, Hagemannouli 6 — Lutton 6, Wright 6, Christopoulos 6 (McGuinness 6, half time) — Cummings 6, Rogers 6, G. Campbell 9, Total: 70

ROUND ONE

FITZROY ALEXANDER 2 (Buljevic 88th, Taylor 110th) **BOUTH MELBOURNE** 1 (Cummins 69th) at Olympic Park (right).

ALEXANDER: Merner 9 — McMillan 8, Provan 6, Ristovski 6, Tansley 6 — Bannon 8, Taylor 8, Campbell 7 — Semelidis 7 (Mitevski 34th), Cole 6, Buljevic 7, Total: 84

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7 — Yzendoorn 7, Bannon 10, Provan 7, Tansley 8 — Campbell 9 (injured, substituted), Buljevic 9 (8th), Taylor 7, Rooney 8 — Cole 8, Peton 8, Buljevic 7, Total: 86

Total appearances by each player in South Melbourne v. Heidelberg in the 1979-80 season: 10.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Blasby 6, O'Reilly 6, Provan 5, Tansley 6 — Rooney 8, Taylor 7, Campbell 7 — Buljevic 6 (Semelidis 65th min), Cole 6, Buljevic 8. Total: 66

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Reilly 6 — Kafefidis 7, Baxter 7 (injured, Kyrikoulios 8, 55th min), Munro 5, Turner 6 — Lutton 5, Wright 5, (Davidson 8, half time), Cummings 6, Dapera 6, Taylor 7, Evans 7, Evans 7, Total: 69

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Bob Bott has Australia well covered

The international career of immaculate St. George defender Doug Utjesenovic ended abruptly when the polished Socceroo suffered a serious knee injury during the 1976 world tour by the national team.

Utjesenovic played 61 times for Australia, including the three World Cup final games in 1974. It was a sad ending for one of the greatest Socceroos.

Unfortunately, Utjesenovic's memories of his career were soured when he had to take legal action to gain compensation after the injury.

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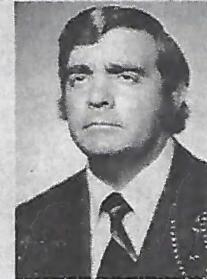
nations go ahead with their proposed boycott of the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow.

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TOMMY BURNS CUP AXED, RICHMOND TO SIGN GROENEWALD?

The Victorian Soccer Federation has axed the Tommy Burns Memorial Trophy after only one season of competition.

The shock decision is sure to bring angry responses from Metropolitan League clubs, who will see the axing of the knock out competition as a backward step.

Soccer House has made no official explanation, but it looks a plain case of the VSF hierarchy considering the Burns Cup as unnecessary extra work for the administration.

The decision to axe the competition was made by the VSF Board of Management — a group of men with no direct interest in the Metropolitan League.

The competition was named after the late Tommy Burns, a former VSF vice-president and patron, who died in 1978.

The inaugural (and final) Tommy Burns Memorial Cup was won by Ringwood City, which defeated Western Suburbs 4-1 at Wembley Park, Box Hill, early last season.

The pre-season knock out competition for Metropolitan League clubs before the inauguration of the Burns Cup was the Cumberland Cup.

This competition was sponsored by Cumberland News papers, and carried substantial prizemoney. Would the VSF brains trust have axed the format if the pre-season competition was still sponsored? I doubt it very much.

Just for the record, the Cumberland Cup winners were: 1975 — Preston Makedonia, 1976-77 — Box Hill, 1978 — Croydon City.

The disappearance of the Burns Cup means Metro teams will have the Dockerty Cup at their only competitive games before the grueling league programme.

The majority of the Metro clubs will play only one Dockerty Cup match, and most will play no more than two. That's poor preparation for the league season.

The Burns and Cumberland Cups provided Metropolitan teams with good competitive

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and ... wait for it ... is to be given a new name.

The new, inspiring name is the Metropolitan Cup (yawn).

Plunkett back in action

Former Croydon City and Mooroolbark defensive giant Mike Plunkett has been re-appointed coach of Third Division club Ringwood Utd.

And because he is still suffering from the ailment that hits many "veterans" — itchy feet — Plunkett will continue as a player with Utd.

"I've been training solidly," said Plunkett, "and I'm feeling fit as I have for a long time."

"I don't like sitting on the bench watching a game. I want to be involved, and I'm very enthusiastic about the coming season."

Plunkett gave up playing for about 18 months when he was coach of Croydon City. His reign at Croydon ended midway through last season when he was replaced by Norm Hobson.

Last year he lifted Ringwood Utd to promotion, ending the season with a remarkable eight-game unbeaten run.

Plunkett was coach of Croydon for 2½ seasons, and during that time played occasionally with Industrial League team Bowater Scott.

Plunkett coached Ringwood Utd in the early 1970s before switching to Mooroolbark.

Ringwood Utd is hoping to re-establish itself as a top Metropolitan League club in the next few years. In the early 70s, Utd was in the First Division, but slid right down into the Fourth Division.

Plunkett said his aim was the Second Division.

"There's no use going up to consolidate," he said. "We will be chasing promotion, and if we can find two class players — a midfielder and a forward — we will have a strong side."

Plunkett already has many experienced players at his disposal including Alex Nelson, Ronnie Brown (ex-Heidelberg), Ted Eggers, Tom Kreskis, George Kreskas (ex-Ringwood City) and Tom Kelly (ex-Croydon).

Melbourne axes six players

Second Division club Melbourne has transferred six players from the team which was relegated last season.

Up for sale are Billy Rae, John Kennedy, Henry Hall, John Bird, Steve Wild and Alan Lee.

Kennedy, the former South Melbourne and Heidelberg Old and Essendon Croatia goalkeeper has been appointed coach of Fourth Division club Sandringham City.

Sandringham and Melbourne are currently negotiating a transfer fee for Kennedy.

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Melbourne will not venture into the transfer market to replace these players. Instead, the once-great Hungarian club will pursue a youth policy.



Milenko Rusmir (left, above) and Cedo Cirkovic will be opposing coaches in the Second Division this season. They once played together at Footscray J.U.T.

Melbourne secretary Bill Hargrave said: "The club has produced fine young players over the years, and hopes this season promises juniors Rob Erdege, George Keenan and Eric Tait to be top players in the senior team."

In keeping in line with the youth policy, Melbourne has appointed long-serving coach Bill Naday, who has worked for many years with Melbourne's juniors.

Reserve coach is Charlie Kiser, who has coached Melbourne junior for many years.

John Toth is president of Melbourne and Michael Lengyel the chairman.

O'Connor retained

David O'Connor, who masterminded Richmond's dramatic rise into the First Division, has been re-appointed coach of the club.

O'Connor, who played with Brisbane Lions and Canberra City, has the task of preserving Richmond's First Division status.

Richmond will be hoping its stay in the First Division will be lengthy. The last time Richmond won promotion to the First Division (for the 1969 season), it failed to meet the new standards and was relegated after just one season.

However, with experienced players like Gary Wallace (ex-Collingwood), Tony Kreskis, George Kreskas (ex-Ringwood City) and Tom Kelly (ex-Croydon), Richmond is well-equipped.

President Ham Kuss, who recalled that Richmond won promotion to the State League exactly 20 years ago, said he was confident the club would do well this season.

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Mike Plunkett (centre), now coach of Richmond Utd. 'shoots' at goal for Bowater Scot.

Ferntree Gully is angry at the Victorian Soccer Federation for abolishing the thirds competition.

The thirds competition was abolished after the 1979 season. Ferntree Gully will field a youth team instead of a thirds side this season.

Team mates now rivals

Former team mates Mileniko Rusmir and Cedo Cirkovic will have a friendly rivalry this season.

Rusmir and Cirkovic, defensive partners in the Footscray J.U.T. team during the 1960s will be opposition coaches in the Second Division this season.

Rusmir will coach the Footscray team, and Cirkovic will lead the South Melbourne team, both nursery teams of the Philips League clubs.

Fr Richard Gamanski, who coached Ardeer during last season, is the new coach of Heidelberg Utd's Second Division team.

Altona Gate's new ground at Paisley Reserve is now ready for use following the arrival of five portable buildings at the ground.

The Altona council has provided the portable facilities for the 1980 season, as permanent structures will not be built until 1981.

The portable changing rooms are approximately 20 ft x 12 ft. Three will be used as changing rooms for teams, one for the referees and one as a toilet block.

Haslar to lead Brighton

Colin Haslar is the new coach of Third Division club Brighton.

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Sacco, boss at Broadmeadows

Former George Cross de-

fender Louis Sacco is the new coach of Third Division Broadmeadows City.

Sacco, who coached Broadmeadows' reserve team to a championship success in 1976, replaces Ian Reed, who has returned to Sunbury.

Sacco inherits a young team, which has a good chance of winning promotion. Last season Broadmeadows finished fourth, and hopes the young team will benefit from the experience.

The only player leaving at this stage is winger Greg Pearson, whose employment

has been terminated.

Also returning to Coburg is full back Kevin Taylor, who switched to Australian Rules football last season.

Talented midfielder and former Yugoslav Second Division player Vasco Topalov has signed for another season, but Coburg is still need of experienced senior players.

Coburg's ground at Hosken Reserve has been re-turfed, and the club is confident the pitch will be one of the best playing surfaces in the Metropolitan League this season.

Coburg will field three junior teams this season — under 10, 13 and 15 sides.

Junior manager Peter Greening advises that training nights are Tuesday and Thursday at 5.30 pm at Hosken Reserve.



Gary Groenewald has taken him to South Australia.

City hopes the following players will form the backbone of the senior team:

Johnny Sendra — who has won Broadmeadows' best and fairest award for the past two seasons; Denis Pace — who is an agile goalkeeper.

Jim O'Neill — a skilful winger who was set to join Hakoah St Kilda as a junior, but stuck with Broadmeadows.

Barry Alderson — a fine full back.

Metro. debut for Nunawading

Nunawading City, which dramatically won promotion to the Metropolitan Fourth Division last season, is the youngest club in the Metro. ranks.

Nunawading was formed in 1971 as a junior club, and didn't field a senior team until 1973, when it entered the Provisional League.

Now, after only seven seasons, Nunawading City finds itself going into the Fourth Division with a team capable of giving the league a big shake.

'Nuna' has former Box Hill forwards Serge Berardin and Stuart McQueen leading its attack.

In midfield are Richard West and former Box Hill and Doncaster player Andy Minoton.

Scott Dean and Eddie Long are key players in defence.

Nunawading's coach for 1980 is Eddie Efthimiou, who has been involved with the club since its inception.

Van Altena returns

Rudi van Altena has been appointed coach of Third Division Coburg after a year's absence.

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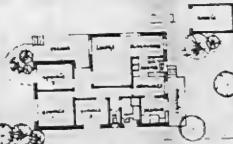
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Cumming takes on his Socceroo team-mates

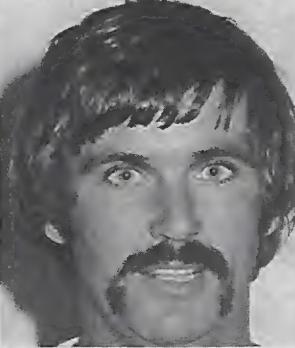


• Marconi, from left, standing: Krncevic, Henderson, Jankovic, Degney, Russell. Front: Sharne, Vieri, Prskalo, Byrne, Maher, Berry.

By
LAURIE SCHWAB



Marconi coach Les Scheinflug



Croatia coach John Gardiner

Marconi coach Les Scheinflug expects tough opposition from Essendon Croatia when the champions of Australia meet the champions of Victoria at Olympic Park No. 2 at 4 pm on Sunday.

The game is part of the deal that saw Eddie Krncevic transfer from Croatia to Marconi early last year.

"Marconi was knocked out of the Philips Cup by State League sides Melita Eagles and Sydney Croatia in the past few years, so we won't take this game lightly," Scheinflug said this week.

"If Essendon can win the Victorian championship two years in a row, it has to be a hell of a team."

"I know what Tommy Cumming and Steve Kokosa can do, and I have great admiration for both of them."

"I don't know the other players as well, but I've made a few enquiries from people at Footscray and Heilas, and they all tell me that Croatia is an excellent side."

"However, my boys are in extremely good shape after our unbeaten tour of Indonesia. Many of them were also on Australia's tour of China and they've been playing against Czechoslovakia, so they're all very fit."

"Mark Jankovics had a hamstring injury, but he's

okay again after a bit of treatment from the doctor travelling with the Czech team. Roberto Vieri has been training like a teenager, so we can expect good things from him as well."

It should be a fascinating encounter — one that should show us how close Croatia is to Philips League standard.

The game will give playing coach John Gardiner an additional opportunity to experiment with his many players in his quest for the best possible combination.

He has yet to decide how best to use new recruits Noel Mitten, Joe Tront, Peter Lewis and Mick Klarin, keeping in mind the claims that other players may or may not have to places in the team.

Croatia has proved itself the undisputed king of Victorian State League soccer over the past two seasons, and Tommy Cumming has earned the honor of being best player, having twice won the Rothmans Gold Medal.

On Sunday he will oppose his Socceroo team-mates Tony Henderson, Peter Sharne, Ivo Askalo,

Dinamo's going places

HNK Dinamo will meet Fawkner at 2.30 pm in the curtain-raiser to the Croatia v. Marconi match at Olympic Park No. 2 on Sunday.

Dinamo, based at St. Albans, has won the Fourth and Third Divisions of the Victorian Industrial League in the past two seasons.

Among the best results achieved by this young club are a 1-1 draw with Sydney Croatia in the Croatian tournament in Canberra in 1978, a 2-1 victory over Croatia Hobart in Perth last year and a 3-1 victory over Victorian First Division club Doveton in the Dockerty Cup last season.



Eddie Krncevic (left), on tour with the Socceroos, races coach Rudi Gutendorf to the top of the Great Wall of China.



• Croatia's star signing Noel Mitten, in full flight.



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A tense heading duel between Croatia's Steve Kokoska (left) and Sunshine's Stewart Gilmour. Croatia won 3-0.



The ball bounces awkwardly for Makedonia's Rob Cullen (left) as he attacks Slavia's new goalkeeper Elvio Pugliese (ex-Sandringham). The other Slavia player is Dave Pye.



Ajax centre back John Patten chests down the ball in front of Frankston recruit Kevin Wall (ex-Frankston Pines). Behind Patten is Bernie Torner.



Albion Rovers goalkeeper, Billy Johnson, and full back Tony Gatt (right) combine to foil Sunshine's Rob Nelson. Albion won 2-1.



John Yzendoorn of Heidelberg gets his body and elbow in front of Frankston's Tony Blacklaw.



Ken Murphy scores a penalty against Sunshine.

ACTION

- PHOTOGRAPHER LES SHORROCK
AT THE VICTORIAN AMPOL CUP



Shall we dance? Sunshine's Stewart Gilmour (left) and Albion's Bill McIntyre kick up their heels.



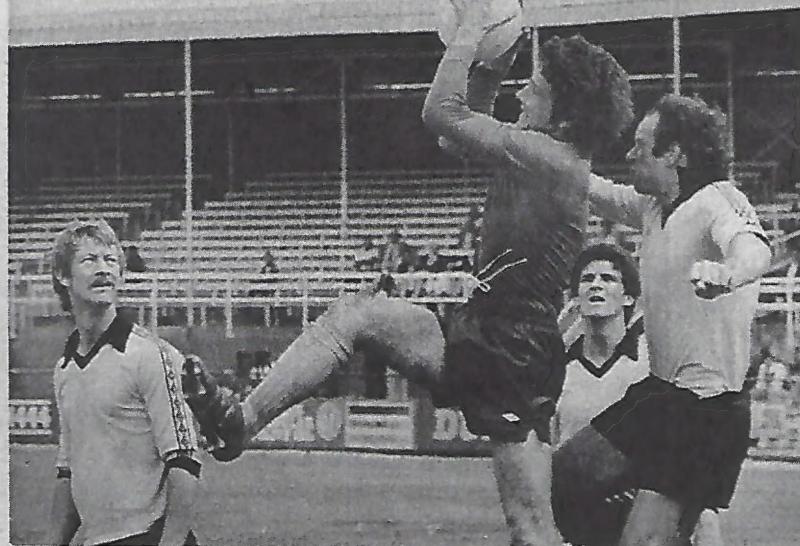
George "Superman" McMillan soars through the air to win a header. Slavia's David Pye (left) looks a little overawed.



What's Noel Mitten doing among all those Juventus players? Mitten, who had transferred from Frankston, was making his debut for Croatia, which won the match 2-1. Mitten scored the winning goal. The Juventus players, from left, are: Incantalupo, Heery, Sabadini, Curcio, Gillan, Vaughan and Della Rocca.



Arthur McMillan, star of Heidelberg's 1-0 victory over Frankston, weaves his way between Peter Martinovic and John Taylor.



Albion Rovers goalkeeper, Bill Johnson, flies high to catch the ball in front of Sunshine's Stewart Gilmour. Between them is Sunshine midfielder Frank Mussell and at left Mike Dixey.



Altona goalkeeper Hans van der Poel follows a Heidelberg shot into the net. Behind him team mate Kevin Wilson and at left Pat Bannon of Heidelberg, which won 3-1.

Scotland squad

Scotland's manager Jock Stein has named a young squad for the European Championship Group Two match against Portugal at Hampden Park today (Wednesday).

With Belgium already having won the group and qualified for the finals, Stein has seized the opportunity of picking some of the youngsters who will lead Scotland's campaign in the 1982 World Cup.

Aberdeen striker Steve Archibald, Rangers' midfielder Robert Russell and St. Mirren goalkeeper Billy Thomson are amongst them.

The squad is:

Alan Rough (Partick), Billy Thompson (St. Mirren), Sandy Jardine (Rangers), Willie Miller (Aberdeen), Dennis McGrail (Celtic), Gordon McCrae (Ayr United), Roy Aitken (Dundee United), Roy Aitken (Celtic), Archie Gemmill (Birmingham), Asa Hartford (Everton), Robert Russell (Rangers), Graeme Souness (Leeds), Steve Archibald (Leeds), Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool), Arthur Graham (Leeds), Andy Gray (Wolves), Davy Provan (Celtic), Alan Young (Leicester).

AROUND THE WORLD



With ELIAS DONOUDIS

Boycotts have become the in thing lately and so Arsenal did not want to miss out.

Accordingly, we have learned that Arsenal decided to impose its own boycott on the Soviet Union.

The club president of the team, Dennis Hillwood, stated recently that if his clubs defeats Sweden's Gothenburg in the preliminary finals of the European Cup and finally is selected to play against Dinamo Moscow in the semi finals, Arsenal will refuse to play the Russians.

The Arsenal president also asserts that his team does not want to have any connection with the USSR in the political climate which prevails, even if it means U.E.F.A. imposing a fine to his team.

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Wolfgang Klein, the presi-

dent of West Germany's Hamburg, stated that whichever team wishes to obtain Kevin Keegan will have to pay £1,800,000 marks (\$25,000), as well as undertake the obligation to play a friendly game in Germany's home grounds of which will go to Hamburg.

Austrian ace Ernst Ocwirk died at the age of 54 in Clapnoblarn, south-west Austria, after a long illness.

Ocwirk who played 63 times for the national team of Austria had been paralysed for a few months.

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Michel Platini, the French ace, rates as favourite for the European Nation's Cup West Germany and Holland...

Bayern Munich's Paul Breitner believes that, although it will play at home for the European Nation's Cup, it will not be able to win.

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After the final of the European Nation's Cup, which will be held in Italy in June, there probably will be a friendly game between Italy and Europe's all-star team.

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The American Fort Louderdale team, Strikers, has signed Chilean Edouard Bonvile. When he reaches Fort Lauderdale, he will receive a house and a car... Meanwhile it has been learned that the committee of Strikers has started negotiations to sign up the Argentinian goalscorer, Rene Housman and the Brazilians, Romeo and Nei, though at this moment the team already has the famous Peruvian and Toefor Cubillas and hopes to re-sign Gerd Mueller.

Argentina

CALL, Colombia — Argentina beat Peru 4-1 here in a pre-Olympic qualifying football match.

Argentina leads the group by two points.

Argentina earlier had beaten Venezuela 1-0 in Bogota.

Colombia beat Chile 3-1 in Pereira.

Standings:

Argentina	3	2	0	6
Brazil	3	2	1	6
Colombia	3	2	1	6
Peru	3	2	1	6
Chile	3	1	2	5
Venezuela	3	1	2	5
Bolivia	2	0	2	4

Scorers

Leading scorers in English League:

DIVISION ONE

20 - Phil Boyton (Southampton), David Johnston (Liverpool), Brian Kidd (Everton), Frank Stephen and Alan Sunderland (Arsenal).

14 - Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool), Glenn Hoddle (Tottenham),

DIVISION TWO

21 - Clive Allen (Queens Park Rangers)

17 - David Moss (Luton), Alan Shearer (Newcastle),

20 - Tony Ward (West Ham), Bryan Robson (Sunderland),

DIVISION THREE

23 - Alan Mayes (Swindon),

21 - Andy Goram (Swindon),

16 - Terry Austin (Mansfield),

11 - Gordon Glavin (Barnsley),

DIVISION FOUR

18 - Donald Penn (Middlesbrough),

21 - Steve Hart (Cardiff)

(Portsmouth), Billy Kilcock (Peterborough), Ian Robins (Huddersfield),

16 - Peter Fletcher (Huddersfield),

15 - Steve Cooper (Torquay).

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Unprecedented support for the Australian youth team from Coca-Cola was announced at a function held in Sydney last week.

The commitment means that Coca-Cola will meet the cost of training and assembling the Australian youth team in a remarkable build-up programme.

An overseas tour to Europe or South America will take place late this year.

This commitment to the young Soc-

ceros represents stage two of the company's sponsorship of the World youth Championships.

Coca-Cola's total outlay is \$1.5 million to defray the cost of bringing 15-youth international teams to Australia for the October, 1981, tournament.

The Australian youth squad will train intensively in Melbourne next month and then in April, May, June, August and October.

They will play early fixtures to internationals in Australia this year, including the Australia-England match at the Sydney Cricket Ground on June 1.

Australian Soccer Federation president Sir Arthur George said, "The 1981 World Youth Championship is one of the world's most important sporting tournaments."

"It will most certainly be the biggest soccer event held in this country."

"Between now and the completion of the finals in October 1981 the eyes of the soccer world will be on us."

"Not only do we have to prepare a worthy national team — we also will play host to teams from 15 other nations."

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YOUNG ROOS VIE FOR TRIP TO NOUMEA

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The cream of Australia's young players will be on view in the curtain-raiser to the Socceroos' international match against Czechoslovakia at Olympic Park on Saturday.

The curtain-raiser, between the Australian Colts and the Australian Youth team, starts at 6.15 pm. The main match kicks off at 8 pm.

A trip to Noumea for the Oceania Cup tournament late this month will be the prize for the players who prove themselves to be good enough.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf will pick the best nine of the youth players to join the best Colts in an 18-man squad which leaves for Noumea on February 20.

The Colts team which will appear in the curtain-raiser at Olympic Park on Saturday comprises mainly players who contested the qualifying rounds for the World Youth Championships in New Zealand and Paraguay in the summer of 1978-79.

Almost all of them have become top senior players in the Philips League — Alan Davidson (South Melbourne), Malcolm McClelland, Peter Tredinnick (Newcastle KB Utd), Graham Jennings (Sydney Olympic), Danny Moulis, Mike Milovanovic (Canberra City) and Steve Hogg (Brisbane Lions).

John Spanos (Sydney City) and probably Craig Hall (Southland), Peter Katholos (St George) and Brett Cowburn (Newcastle KB United) also will be in the Colts squad.

South Melbourne and Victorian State player George Christopoulos will play in the Colts team if he is not required for the main match.

He and David Jones of Adelaide City were added to the senior Socceroos squad by coach Rudi Gutendorf last week.

Gutendorf picked 17 players for the youth squad from among 40 who attended trials at Englefield Stadium, Dural (NSW), last week.

Some of the 17 already have made their mark in senior soccer.

They include midfielder Peter Raskopoulos who transferred from Sydney Olympic to Marconi for \$15,000 recently, centre back Steve Blair who joined South Melbourne during the off-season from State League club Albion Rovers, captain Ian Hunter who joined Blacktown City from Nepean, midfielder Oscar Crino of Juventus (Vic.), midfielder Paul Kay of St George, centre back Sean Parton of Frankston City (Vic.) and striker Vlatko Belic of Footscray J.U.S.T.

The others in the 17-man squad are: I. Patterson (goalkeeper, St George), P. Dallimore (goalkeeper, Marconi), M. Fogarty (Marconi), Ian Murray (W.A.), Brett Woods (Auburn, NSW), Socrates Nicolaides (South Melbourne), A. Reiss (Canberra City), S. Cuvic (Footscray J.U.S.T.), Dave Skeen (St George) and M. Baker (Tamworth, Northern NSW).

The ASF's youth development officer, Brian Emery, this week praised Victoria for its leadership in producing good young players.

"It's remarkable that one State has done so much in junior development. I wish that the other States were doing likewise," Mr Emery said.



Dave Skeen



Alan Davidson

The Victorian team that won the Coca-Cola national youth championship last year. At least five of the players will be in the Australian youth team which will play the Australian Colts at Olympic Park on Saturday night. Pictured, standing from left: Bill Curran (coach), Joe Angele, Vlatko Belic, Charlie Yankos, Steve Blair, Tom Vukovic, Oscar Crino, Mick Loh, Sean Parton, Peter Scarlett. Front: Ernie Toth, George Christopoulos, Paul Drinoczyk, Socrates Nicolaides, Sean Keogh, Eamon Beamish, Roberto Triffante.

'Double-crossed' by the Kiwis

New Zealand has "double-crossed" Australia over the Oceania Cup tournament, the Australian Soccer Federation's Youth Development Officer, Brian Emery, said this week.

He said New Zealand had decided to send its senior national team to the competition in Noumea, after earlier telling Australia it would send a young B team.

Australia's players in the tournament will be no older than 20.

"And they'll give New Zealand plenty of opposition, despite their comparative lack of experience," Mr. Emery said.

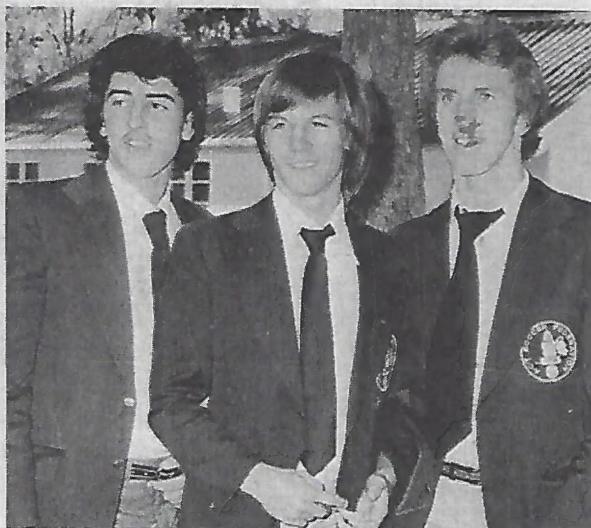
The Oceania Cup tournament will be played from February 22 until March 3.

According to the latest information, the eight competitors will be: Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Solomon Island, New Hebrides, Tahiti, Papua-New Guinea and New Caledonia.

The tournament will be played in two groups of four teams each.

New Caledonia will be seeded in one group and the current Cup holder, New Zealand, in the other.

The winner of each group will play in the final and the runners-up will play off for third and fourth places. — LAURIE SCHWAB



Youth internationals Danny Moulis (left), Steve Hogg and Mike Milovanovic. All three were with Canberra City until Hogg joined Brisbane Lions recently.

KB UTD. visit a boost for Croydon area

Victorian state league club Croydon City will play against Newcastle KB United on Sunday, February 24, as part of its campaign to win increased support in the Croydon District.

The match will start at 2 pm at Croydon Park, after a curtain-raiser between two local teams — possibly Knox City and Doncaster Rovers.

The Newcastle team will include star recruit Paul Reaney, the former Leeds United and England full back.

Tooths Brewery will meet all costs of staging the match, and a percentage of gate takings will be donated to the Maroondah Hospital Fund.

Croydon has invited KB United because, says club marketing director Alan Dobbie, it is the "most famous and most professionally-run soccer club in Australia."

Dobbie, recently appointed to the club's marketing post, has been given

many valuable pointers by Paul Trisley, the brains behind Newcastle.

Dobbie announced this week that Croydon will be sponsored by the Hotham Permanent Building Society over the next three years. Other sponsors are Ametco Travel, David Coote (plumber), Russell Vernon (take-away food) and Kilsyth Cellars.

Mr. Peter McArthur, MLA for Ringwood, has signed as the club's No. 1 ticket-holder and patron.

Croydon's restructured 1980 administration is: Terry Paradine (president), Dave Baddock (vice-president), Laurie Cooper (secretary), Rick O'Loughlin (treasurer), Geoff Pegg (VSF delegate), John Hannigan (team manager), Marty Koerner (social director), Alan Dobbie (marketing and promotion), Henry Bambitt (ground manager), Norm Hobson (senior coach), Graham McIntosh (assistant coach), Ken Kontra (director of junior coaching), Trevor Owen (reserves team coach).



Kb United winger Graham Heys uses his brilliant dribbling skill to skirt past Footscray defenders Igor Hazabent (left) and Jim Kondarrios.